(d) Rs. 542/- crores have been earmarked during 1999-2000 for procurement of vaccines and for assisting the States for IEC and travel mobilization, booth management and transport and POL.

(e) All States have shown good progress in polio eradication efforts. Notable progress have been observed in Orissa, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.

Unequal Salary to T.B. Inspectors

†1725. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that out of the total number of T.B. Inspectors, approximately seventy are such who have been working on temporary basis and getting a salary of rupees four thousand only, whereas permanent Inspectors are getting around rupees seven to eight thousand as salary, and besides this, separate payment is made for visiting the house for giving medicine but this facility is not available to the temporary Inspectors;

(b) if so, reasons for this dual system;

(c) whether Government are going to make efforts for payment of equal salary; and

(d) if so, by when and how?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Under the National T.B. Control Programme, there is not post of T.B. Inspector.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Shortage of Polio vaccines

1726. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL:
DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the immunisation campaign in India has been handicapped by a global shortage of Polio vaccines, while almost 60 per cent

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

of the Polio vaccines used in India are manufactured indigenously and a critical 40 per cent is imported;

(b) whather India is hoping that WHO would step in and do its bit to help procure adequate amount of vaccines;

(c) whether India's appeal for financial assistance from WHO, for its health care programme has been considered so far;

(d) if so, when and how much financial assistance was accorded; and

(e) if not, the reasons for not offering assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) Although during the current year there has been a global shortage of Oral Polio Vaccine, there has been no disruption in conduct of the Pulse Polio Immunization campaign in India till now. This has mainly been possible by augmenting the indigenous production capacities. WHO and UNICEF have substaintially assisted in procuring the vaccine for the country's Pulse Polio Immunization Programme.

(c) to (e) WHO essentially provides technical support and advice. They provide some funds for specific activities in the Health Sector. India received from WHO $ 14.9 million dollar on a biennium basis.

CGHS facilities at Guwahati

1727. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no clinic/hospital and nursing home facilities are available through CGHS, Guwahati;

(b) if so, the system through which these facilities are made available to the employees and details of the plan, if any, to establish a full-fledged hospital/ dispensary, with requisite specialists, outdoor and indoor facilities;

(c) if not, the details of health made available to the employees through CGHS, Guwahati; and

(d) the existing status of supply of medicine, cadre-wise strength of staff and doctors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The health